

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Claims 5-8 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. In the Office Action of April 16, 2003 the Examiner made the following disposition:

- A.) Rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nishimura* in view of *Shimazaki et al.*
- B.) Rejected claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hiroki et al.* in view of *Shimazaki et al.*

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and address the Examiner's disposition as follows:

- A.) Rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nishimura* in view of *Shimazaki et al.*

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection.

Claim 1, as amended, claims a magnetically induced super resolution-type magneto-optical recording medium comprising a substrate that is a land groove substrate wherein information can be written in at least one of groove areas and land areas of the substrate.

This is clearly unlike *Nishimura* in view of *Shimazaki*, which fails to disclose or suggest Applicants' claimed magnetically induced super resolution-type magneto-optical recording medium having a land groove substrate. Neither *Nishimura* nor *Shimazaki* disclose or suggest a land groove substrate wherein information can be written in at least one of groove areas and land areas of a substrate. *Nishimura* fails to even discuss writing to lands or grooves. And *Shimazaki* merely teaches a preformat pattern 2 comprising "a guide channel for guiding a laser spot and a prebit string for expressing the address of a recording track so that the tracking servo signal and the preformat signal may be optically read out." Nowhere does *Shimazaki* disclose or suggest a land groove substrate wherein information can be written in at least one of groove areas and land areas of the substrate. (Col. 20, lines 36-40).

Therefore, *Nishimura* in view of *Shimazaki* fails to disclose or suggest claim 1.

Claims 3 depends directly or indirectly from claim 1 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

B.) Rejected claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hiroki et al.* in view of *Shimazaki et al.*

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection.

Claim 2, as amended, claims a magnetically induced super resolution-type magneto-optical recording medium comprising a substrate that is a land groove substrate wherein information can be written in at least one of groove areas and land areas of the substrate.

This is clearly unlike *Hiroki* in view of *Shimazaki*, which fails to disclose or suggest Applicants' claimed magnetically induced super resolution-type magneto-optical recording medium having a land groove substrate. Neither *Hiroki* nor *Shimazaki* disclose or suggest a land groove substrate wherein information can be written in at least one of groove areas and land areas of a substrate. *Hiroki* fails to even discuss writing to lands or grooves. And *Shimazaki* merely teaches a preformat pattern 2 comprising "a guide channel for guiding a laser spot and a prebit string for expressing the address of a recording track so that the tracking servo signal and the preformat signal may be optically read out." Nowhere does *Shimazaki* disclose or suggest a land groove substrate wherein information can be written in at least one of groove areas and land areas of the substrate. (Col. 20, lines 36-40).

Therefore, *Hiroki* in view of *Shimazaki* fails to disclose or suggest claim 2.

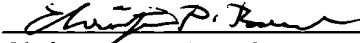
Claims 4 depends directly or indirectly from claim 2 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 2 is allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-4 are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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